

Trail inventory and assessment management plan request for proposal

Weare Conservation Commission (WCC) actively manages approximately 2300 acres of town land as officially designated town forest. There are eight Town Forest, comprised of multiple parcels. The property is managed by a licensed New Hampshire Forester for multiple uses with an emphasis on working land conservation through: forest management, wildlife management, passive recreation and cultural resources stewardship.

Goals for trails management

The WCC seeks to provide opportunities for the residents of Weare and other visitors to enjoy recreation and observe wildlife and natural resources on town owned land. Trails development should consider compatibility with natural and cultural resources, interaction with active forest management and perpetuating a quality outdoor experience.

Requirements for proposal:

1. Work cooperatively with Town Forester to gain baseline of existing trails, their condition, type of use and current volume of use.
2. Assess all town forest for existing trails. All trails must be mapped with a GIS grade GPS and provided to the town in ARC/GIS compatible format (shapefile or personal geodatabase). Identify existing local recreational trails within town of Weare and neighboring towns (i.e. SPNHF, NHA, PLC, etc). Type of trail (ATV, snowmobile, hiking, road) will also be described in the assessment. Assessment should also describe relative condition, problem type and areas, environmental problems and include photographic documentation and identifying access points of undesirable uses.
3. Assess all town forest for opportunities for new trails considering opportunities for interconnectedness to larger trail systems, prominent land features, protection of natural resources and other constraints.
4. Describe opportunities for outside trail funding.
5. Provide list of potential trail building and maintenance contractors.
6. Incorporate trail building best management practices or list of references such as "NH Best Management Practices for Erosion Control During Trail Maintenance and Construction".
7. Develop 10 year trail development and maintenance plan for existing and proposed trails with cost estimate for each project. Development plan should overlay with scheduled town forest management scheduling.
8. Develop trail marking standard for WCC.
9. Provide recommendation for outreach including kiosks and web based outreach.
10. Provide a past project plan as an example along with 3 references.

Submittal Requirements

By January 10, 2017, please submit the following:

- a. Written letter of interest describing your experience in trail assessments/maintenance, GPS, GIS, and MS Excel (or Access)
- b. Resume (of project leader, if more than one person is expected to work on project)
- c. Three references
- d. Expected timeline for project completion
- e. Example of past plan of similar scope
- f. Compensation requirements
- g. Certificate of Liability Insurance (can also be procured upon award of contract if necessary)

Mail submissions to:

Weare Conservation Commission

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Questions should be submitted to conservation@weare.nh.gov